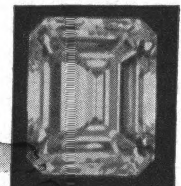
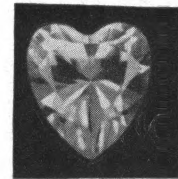
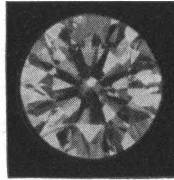


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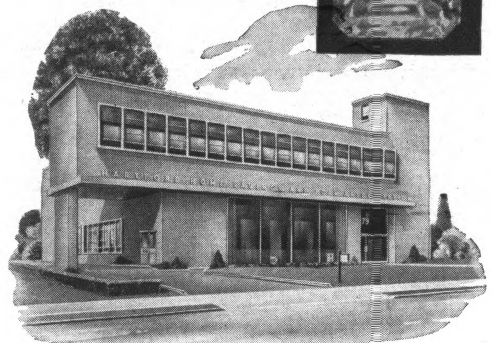


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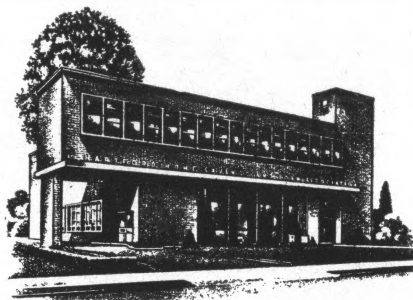
First Mortgage Loans	\$18,731,189.53
<small>These loans are made on carefully selected residence properties in Hartford and vicinity and are being amortized by monthly payments</small>	
Loans on Passbooks and Certificates	428,742.80
Home Improvement Loans	72,320.94
Cash on Hand and in Banks	651,136.39
Investment Securities	3,144,077.04
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 313,800
United States Government Bonds	1,310,387.27
Other Investments	1,519,889.77
Home Office Building and Land	290,262.86
Furniture and Fixtures	37,436.27
Other Assets	14,474.39
<small>Includes deferred charges and miscellaneous items</small>	
Total	\$23,369,640.22

LIABILITIES

Member Share Accounts	\$21,313,878.83
<small>All accounts insured against loss up to \$10,000. by Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation</small>	
Christmas and Vacation Clubs	66,909.00
Loans in Process	123,650.80
<small>For homes under construction—not yet completed</small>	
Advance Interest Payments by Borrowers	28,662.01
<small>This represents interest paid in advance by our members on their mortgage loans and other unearned interest.</small>	
Taxes and Insurance Paid in Advance	339,196.72
<small>This represents amount paid by members for real estate taxes</small>	
Other Liabilities	13,511.55
General Reserves	1,483,831.31
For Contingencies	\$1,297,303.48
For Undivided Profits	186,527.83
Total	\$23,369,640.22

Savings here are insured to \$10,000 by Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, and earn a worth-while return.

... something worth mentioning



The Wish Books

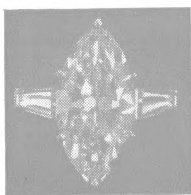
Most women have favorite wish books . . . and often they are magazines showing well-appointed homes. Sometimes they only thumb through them casually, but often they really study the pages . . . taking in all the details that contribute to excellent decorating. This may seem like pure relaxation but they are gradually learning to be good decorators themselves.

It could be that your wife has the ability to use her ideas to turn your home into one of the best-decorated homes in your neighborhood, but she has to have money to carry out her ideas. You may not be much of a decorator, but you do know that the bathroom should be modernized, the walls need paint, and perhaps at last you could convert part of the basement into a comfortable recreation room. You can decide together what your house needs, estimate the cost, then talk with us about a home improvement loan. Too much wishing without action is hard on a person, but actual improvement in your home will make your family living a lot easier.

Sincerely,

A. Chapin Miller

A. CHAPIN MILLER
President



DIAMONDS

questions and answers



Q. Why have an engagement ring?

A. To speak for you; to tell your family, friends, and your world at large that you now have a new social status and new plans for the future. Society and etiquette accept and understand this message, and even one small diamond on one small finger does it.

Q. Well, does it have to be a diamond?

A. The diamond is traditional and says what you want it to say. But more importantly, the diamond has its practical side. Since it is the hardest substance in nature, a girl may wear her diamond every day for sixty years — as many wives do — and then pass it down the family, as good as new.

Q. We were thinking of a one-carat stone; how big is that?

A. The carat is a unit of weight — not of overall size. A one-carat diamond weighs 200 milligrams. In the round cut called a brilliant, it's about a quarter of an inch in diameter. But not many diamonds weigh an even carat; the fractions are called "points." One carat equals 100 points, like the cents in a dollar.

Q. What's the difference in the different cuts?

A. Pricewise, no difference. No one cut is more expensive than another, but the quality of the cutting affects brilliance and that, in turn, affects price. Also, some of the fancy shapes such as the emerald cut often come in stones that are large and of fine quality to begin with. Other shapes such as the heart reveal their outlines to best advantage when they weigh a carat or more. The most popular cut for the engagement ring is a round stone with 58 facets called a brilliant. Happily, it looks well in any size. Here's a brief description of some well-known cuts:

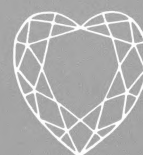
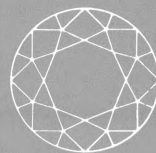
Brilliant—Round shape; used as center stone and often as side stones on betrothal ring.

Emerald Cut—Oblong or square with straight sides. Very fashionable.

Marquise—Called mar-KEYS; a pointed boat shape.

Pear, Heart and Oval—All shaped like their names.

Baguette and Tapered Baguette—Little trimming stones used on the sides of rings; the word means little stick or baton.





20,000,000 Homes in Bad Repair

A new roof that protects against the ravages of weather . . . insulation that provides new comfort while effecting substantial fuel savings . . . re-siding that gives a totally *new look* to your home. These, and other installations, can make your home more comfortable.

Actually, you may not need home improvements — you may be among the small percentage who actively check around the house; constantly improve things as they need it. Or, better still, you may practice “preventive maintenance”; improve things *as* they deteriorate.

But in too many instances, the proper care has *not* been taken. Let's look at the figures:

Twenty million U. S. homes need urgent re-

pair as you read this. That's right — *20,000,000!*

And others, built to “minimum” post-war standards, are well on their way to trouble.

The homes of our nation represent a tremendous vital investment worth protecting; some \$250 billion for approximately 55,000,000 dwelling units.

Why, you may ask, think about home improvement just now? Things may have been “satisfactory” to this point; you may not actually need repairs. And, of course, repairs cost money.

Home improvement is encouraged this time of year by NERSICA, Inc., the national association which represents the home improvement contractors of the United States. The idea is to

make you home improvement *conscious*; to suggest that you at least check to see if you need repairs.

What's in it for you? Besides the obvious comforts of a better-operated home, there are savings. Yes, you spend money to save money. That's because home improvement is not really a cost -- it's an investment.

Hard to believe? Perhaps -- but the figures indicate this, also. Years ago, when fairly good houses could be bought for \$5000 and less, the maintenance incentive was not as great as it is today. Nowadays, good homes cost up to \$50,000 -- and more.

In most cases, the residential property represents the family's largest single capital investment. And, protecting this investment -- via insulation installing, for example -- saves you about 15% of its value annually, particularly in lower fuel bills. This means, on the average, that any such expense *pays for itself in six or seven years*.

Savings are the same, of course, whether a house was insulated at the time of construction, or later. The percentage of original cost returned each year will be higher, however, when a house is insulated as built.

Insulating costs less then, because wall and ceiling spaces are easily accessible. Insulating a house after it is built requires more time-consuming work.

But most people are already in their homes -- will have to take the more costly route. Almost 21% of America's homes are up to 10 years old; about 46% are over 30! Another 20% are between 20-30 years; the remaining 13% is in the 10-20 bracket. In most cases, we live in "old" homes; houses that need repairs.

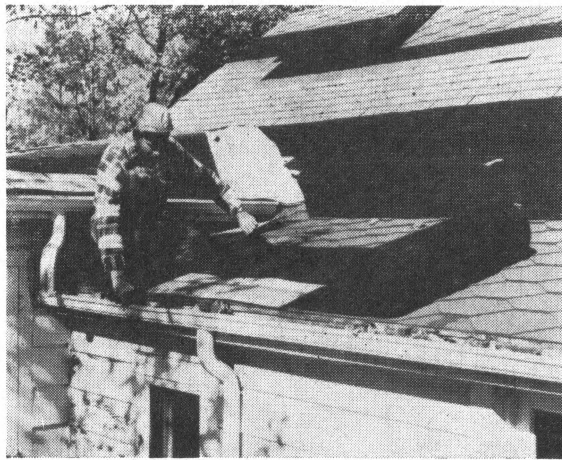
All right--suppose you're "convinced." You're going to check around. First thing you ask "What do I look for?" And here's the answer:

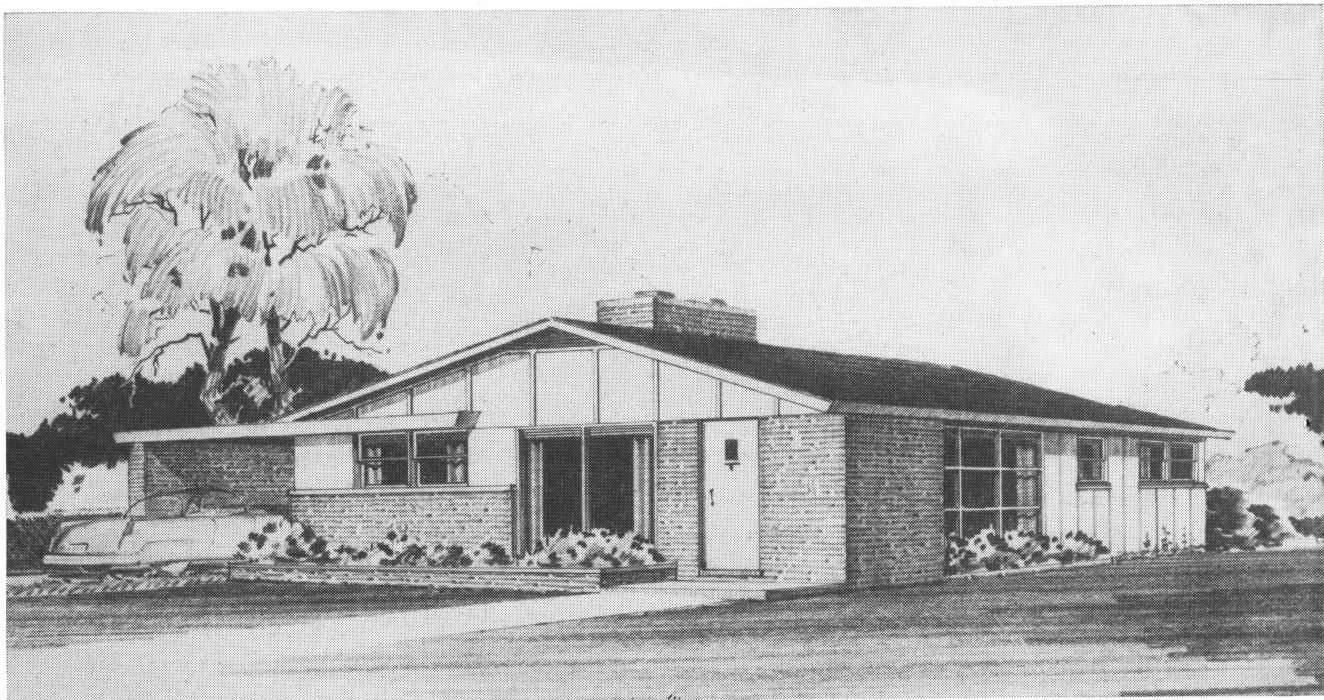
1. Gadgets that are old and obsolete; these should be replaced by modern fixtures.
2. Facilities that should be relocated for better utilization of a given area;
3. Usable spaces that can be increased in a given area (i.e. basement, attic, enclosures); added space (or facilities) through extension or addition to structure;
4. Improvements for increased livability (roofing, insulation, combination storm windows and doors, jalousies, awnings, air-conditioning, etc.);
5. Places where the premises can be beautified (siding, landscaping, architectural changes and the like).

Finally, there's one more thought vital to home improvement. The craze to "do-it-yourself" is upon us, and in most cases it's a constructive, valuable, money-saving and enjoyable method of accomplishing a given task.

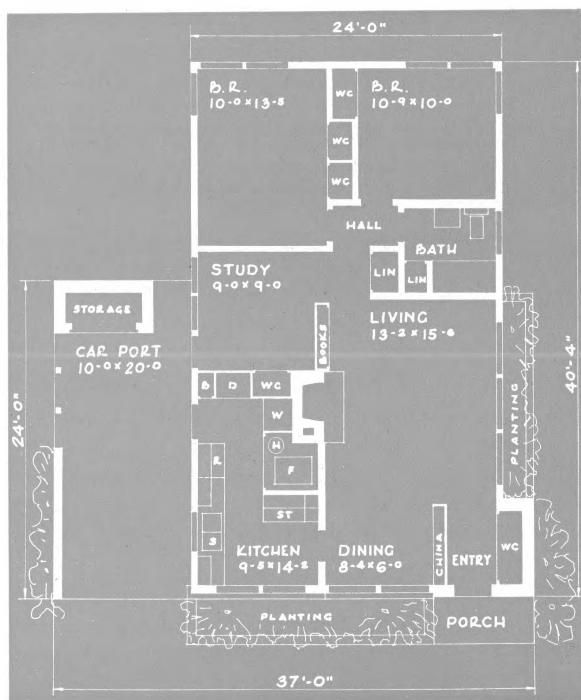
But in most instances, this is not advisable in the area of home improvements. Your best bet is to consult an "expert"; a *real* expert at that.

There are lots of "bait" ads floating about -- "catch-all" services that offer apparently marvelous installations at ridiculously low prices. But too often, once you "bite" at the lure, you're about to be caught up in a whirlwind transaction that sees you spending lots more for less; your home is minimally improved.





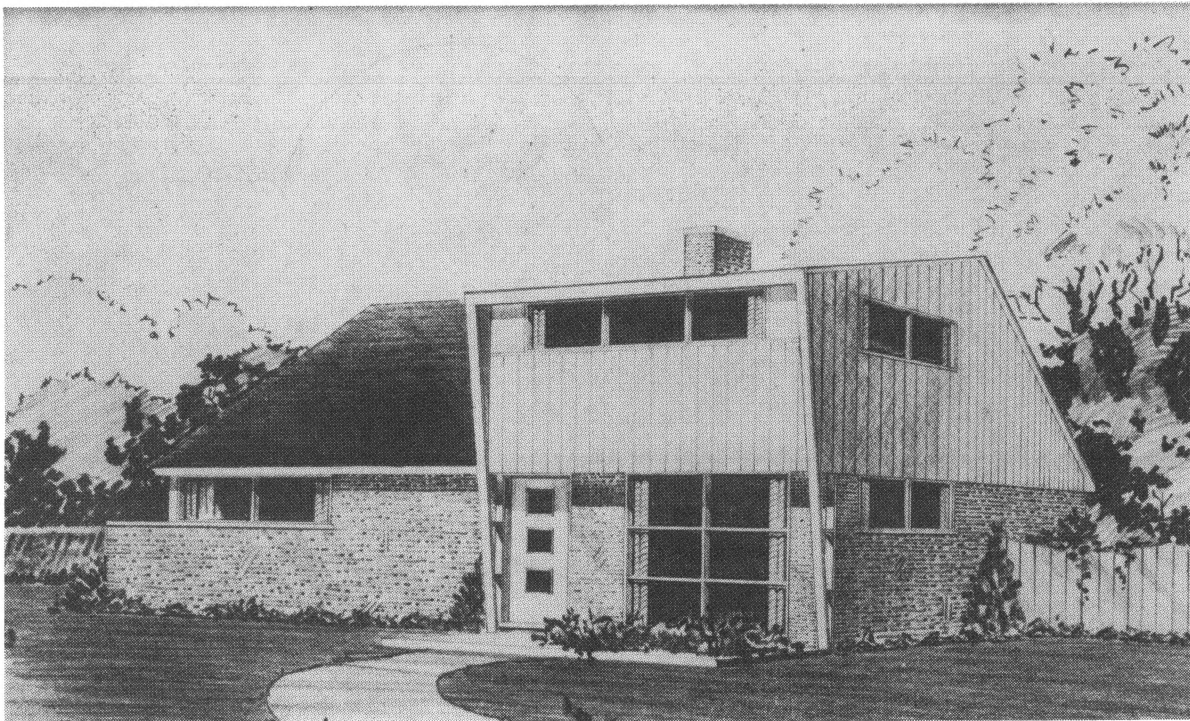
Ranch Home On A Narrow Lot



Entrance has vestibule effect due to built-in china cabinet which acts as a room divider. The dining area with the floor to ceiling picture windows is at the front of the house, adjacent to the kitchen which also faces the street. Kitchen has two windows facing the street and room for eating space so that the busy homemaker can have that mid-morning coffee "break" with one eye on junior out front! A side door leads to carport facilitating deliveries.

A picture window at the side of the house provides lots of light and cross ventilation in living-dining area. Fireplace has open bookshelves at one side and unobstructed wall space on the other for easy furniture placement. The study off living room has outside entrance to carport as well as a clothes closet making for easy conversion into a third bedroom if necessary. Bedrooms are at rear of the house for extra privacy and have cross ventilation for comfort. Bath is accessible to all parts of the house and has a separate linen closet. There is an extra linen closet in the hall. There is also a large storage closet at rear of carport.

Exterior construction is attractive, combining brick and vertical siding. The varying sizes of windows adds further interest to this moderately priced home. Planting boxes with suitable shrubbery will solve the landscaping problem at very little cost. This is design H-205.



Modern — yes! but Comfortable

The contemporary styling of this 1½ story home will please those moderns seeking something unusual yet comfortable.

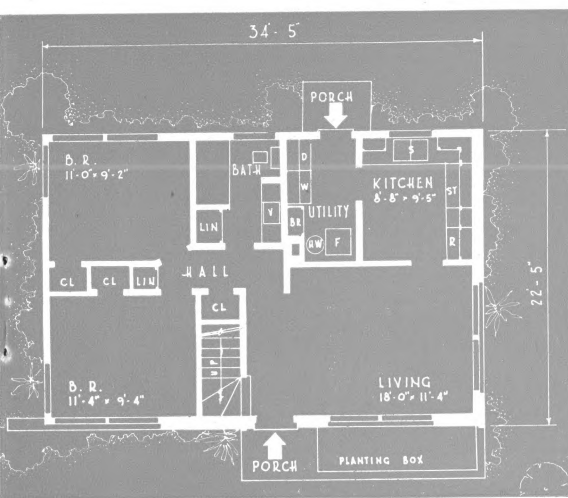
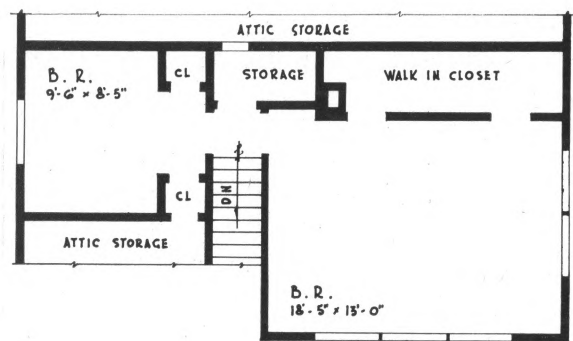
Inside, four bedrooms, a kitchen-utility combination, large bath and long living room is featured.

Studying the upstairs bedrooms first, you will be amazed by the huge master bedroom (18' x 13'), with a whole rear wall for closet space. Next to this room is a storage closet and then the other bedroom, which could also double as a children's playroom. There is additional storage space near the smaller bedroom.

The first floor bedrooms have attractive corner windows and ample closet space. There are two linen closets downstairs, one in center hall and one in the bath. A vanity counter is also featured in bath.

Upon entrance you walk into a spacious living room with top-to-bottom picture window. Because of the exception of a fireplace, there is quite a bit of wall space here for attractive furniture arrangements.

Brick veneer is planned for the second floor and the cantilevered second floor is of frame construction. Bedroom windows throughout are placed high for easy furniture placement. This is design H-269.





CHARCOAL COOKERY

A new charcoal lighter called "SIZ", now being introduced nationally by the Gold Seal Company, promises to cut lighting time in half.

- Preparing the grill — Unless your grill has holes in the fire pan, you should line the bottom with foil and put about an inch of good clean gravel in it. Foil reflects heat to give you quicker cooking and gravel allows your fire to "breathe."

- Building the fire — Make a square of charcoal briquets about 12 to 14 inches across, pyramid shaped and about 4 to 5 inches high in the center. The pyramid slope results in greater draft and requires less charcoal starter. Don't build too much fire — it is easier to add fuel than to take it out after it is burning.

Take a can of "SIZ" and make an X about two inches wide from corner to corner of your charcoal square. Light it and go on about your other preparations.

- Cooking — Wait until the charcoal is covered with a grey ash before starting to cook. With "SIZ" this should be about 15 minutes after lighting. Now you are ready for your favorite barbecue recipe. If you are cooking a roast or fowl on a spit, spread your coals in back of the grill where the drippings will not hit them. For cooking meat on a grate, spread briquets directly under the meat with about a half inch between coals to avoid flame-ups when fat drips.

Let's Have a Chick - n - Que

There is one in every crowd, an amateur chef who boasts of his own specialty. Just such a chef is "Jap" McClain (Mr. Jasper McClain) of Ramsey, New Jersey. His specialty is barbecued chicken, or Chick-n-Que. It's a natural since New Jersey is a big chicken producing state, however, Mr. McClain, formerly of Newton, Kansas is a full fledged member of the amateur group who knows many of the finer points in smoking steaks, chops and pork loin.

Mr. McClain has definite ideas about barbecuing chicken. He believes in starting the chicken in the oven indoors then transferring it to the charcoal grill for a final browning and the usual ceremonial activities of saucing and serving. His reasons are practical and well worth considering. It takes a good 30 to 40 minutes for a charcoal fire to reach the proper glowing coals stage. It takes another good 30 to 40 minutes to barbecue the chicken. Unless the chicken is sauced and turned and pampered at every turn it tends to dry out. The oven beginning, outdoor finishing method, on the other hand, solves all these problems. If the Chick-n-Que is an after work affair, the chef can prevail upon his wife to put the chicken in the oven before he gets home. If the Chick-n-Que is a weekend affair, Mr. McClain still likes the oven-beginning method. With the chicken out of sight, the wait doesn't seem too long, an important factor when there are children around waiting to know "when do we eat . . . when do we eat . . . when do we eat."



These are Mr. McClain's ideas and this is his recipe, with his own Chick-n-Que suggestions.

ONE MAN'S CHICK-n-QUE

- 1/2 cup corn oil
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion

Mix ingredients in a heavy saucepan and simmer about 1/2 hour. Mix thoroughly before each basting. Sauce can be doubled and can be made up ahead of time. Makes about 1 1/4 cups or enough for two broiler-fryer chickens.

Mr. McClain's Chick-n-Que method: Set the oven for 325°F. (moderately slow, that is.) Line a roasting pan with heavy duty aluminum foil (this saves on clean-up time and endears your wife to you.) Place chicken (it can be frozen, thawed, or freshly dressed) in the foil lined pan. The chicken may be in parts, quarters, halves, or whole; suit yourself, your family and guests. Your best choice in chicken, however, is the broiler-fryer which weighs from 2 1/2 to 3 pounds. Let chicken thaw and begin to cook. After about 20 minutes of cooking, start adding the Chick-n-Que sauce. Baste frequently. Finish the cooking outdoors over glowing coals or under the broiler, basting fast and furiously all the while. Serve the chicken in individual nests of aluminum foil. This helps keep the chicken hot and provides a saucer for extra sauce and delectable juices.

Mr. McClain's favorite accompaniment for Chick-n-Que is this Super Cole Slaw and thick slices of tomatoes.

SUPER COLE SLAW

- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped red pepper or pimiento
- 1 teaspoon grated onion
- 1/3 cup corn oil
- 2/3 cup vinegar
- 6 cups finely chopped cabbage

AN APRON FOR OUTDOOR CHEF

An apron is easy to make using two dish towels decorated with Crayola crayons. Choose towels which have little decoration so that your crayon designs will show up.

It's easier to draw on the cloth if you pin or thumb tack the area to be colored on a fairly thick piece of cardboard. As you do this, be sure the material is tight, so that no wrinkles appear. Then draw your design with pencil and color it with your Crayola crayons. A red barbecue glove, black frying pan, and red and blue utensils would make your apron colorful. Go over your design several times to make sure the color is worked into the weave of the cloth.

Remove the tacks or pins, and the bottom half of your apron is complete.

The top of the apron is made from half of another towel. On this you could write "Genius At Work," "What's Cooking," "Dad" or something similar. Then join the two pieces together with a few hem stitches.

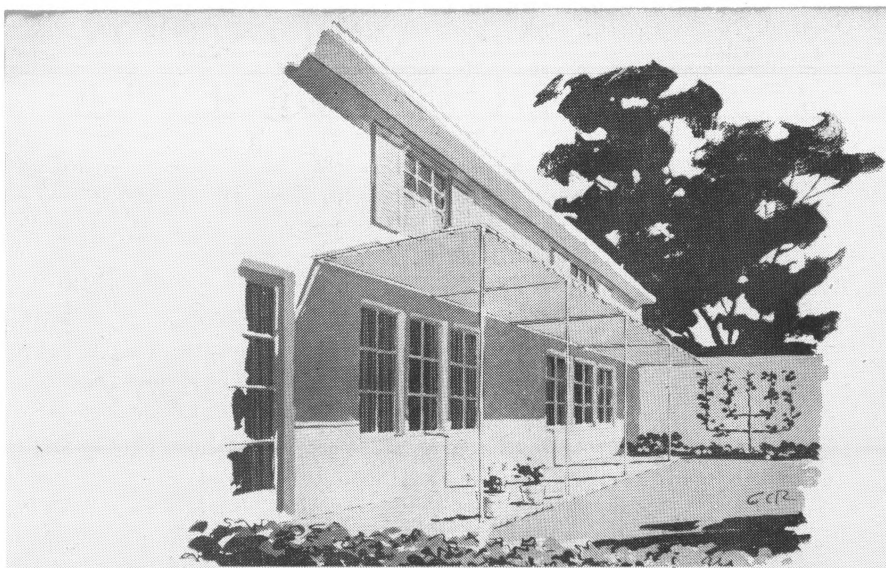


Next sew two pieces of ribbon, twill tape, or seam binding to the two top corners of the apron. When you put the apron on, these ribbons will tie at the back of your neck.

Two more pieces of tape are sewn to the corners which tie around the waist. The apron is then complete.

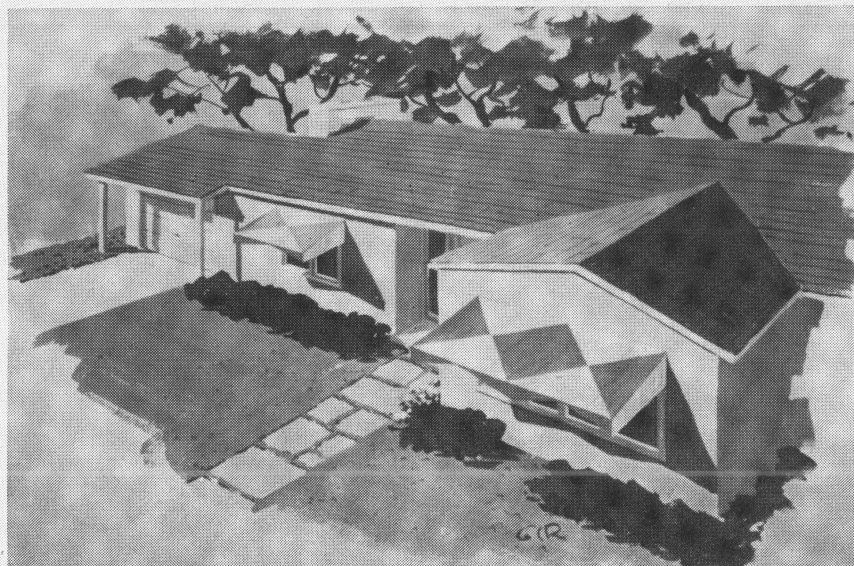
To permanently fix your design on the apron, turn it face down on a piece of brown paper on an ironing board. Using a fairly hot iron, with a lifting motion, press the crayon design into the cloth.

This outfit is just perfect for outdoor cooking, and all you need to make this apron is Crayola crayons and towels.



*Versatile canvas
for a cool summer*

COOL AND COZY — Want to keep blazing summer sun from turning your home into a giant oven? Gay canvas awnings will block solar rays from windows and glass areas, can lower interior temperatures from eight to 15 degrees. While they're providing indoor coolness and comfort, they also will lend exterior beauty and color.



EXTERIOR BEAUTY — Canvas awnings in two shades of cotton canvas add a gay harlequin touch to this modern home. By stopping solar rays before they hit windows and other glass expanses, canvas awnings and canopies can make your home degrees cooler, reduce operating costs of air-conditioning units.

Shady Living

People who live in glass houses —

Are hurling praises rather than stones upon designers of the handsome picture windows and window walls that have given airiness, extra light, and panoramic views to modern homes.

While bringing beauty and spaciousness indoors, wide expanses of glass also admit a less welcome guest — the blazing rays of the summer sun. Studies show that unprotected windows may let in 35 times as much solar heat as an insulated wall. This can give your house the atmosphere of a giant oven, and you the sensation of being baked in it.

To keep interior temperatures down, burning sun's rays should be blocked before they strike glass areas. This job can be performed both elegantly and effectively by awnings made of sturdy canvas. While they're making indoor temperatures eight to 15 degrees lower, they'll be adding individuality and style to the exterior appearance of your home. Awnings also reduce the work-load on air-conditioning units, thereby cutting operating costs.

Canvas awnings are made from cotton fabric, metal tubing, and rope — all exceptionally flexible materials. Because of this adaptability, they may be lowered to provide shade in the daytime, then furled in the evening to admit refreshing breezes. During the winter, when the sun's heat is needed, they can be taken down.

Their versatility enables you to select shading devices that fit your taste and enhance the design of your home. Do you like contrast? If so, you can soften angular lines and harsh building surfaces with curving canopies or sweeping outdoor draperies. If you wish to stress simple, clean-lined architecture, perhaps you will choose awnings in a square or novel saw-tooth shape.

Canvas shading also can help achieve a classic effect for those who prefer traditional design. Box awnings lend dignity to casement windows, scalloped or fringed overhangs recall the splendor of medieval tournaments, and bright canopies turn ordinary patios into replicas of Mediterranean courtyards.

The wide selection of canvas colors and patterns enables you to personalize your shading even further. Fabric hues range from brilliant

firecracker reds through cool forest greens to deep sapphire blues. Stark whites, tropical florals, bold plaids, and multi-colored stripes provide dramatic contrast to the neutral tones of stone, frame, brick, or stucco.

Whether your favorite summer recreation is lounging on the patio or twenty laps around the pool, canvas furniture and accessories can make it more enjoyable. Chairs, hammocks, and lounges covered with this cool, porous fabric are comfortable on the hottest days, add a decorative note to your porch or lawn. Gay cabanas, umbrellas, and sun shelters offer welcome shade after a brisk round of tennis, swimming, or badminton.

Acrylic paints are making this year's canvas fabrics more vivid than ever before. When treated with this finish, canvas is pure and intense in color, more pliable and easy to handle. What's more, laboratory and outdoor exposure tests have proved that acrylic-painted awnings retain their depth of color much longer than those treated with standard oil-base paints.

Fashion and functionalism — canvas awnings have them both. They can give you added comfort, your home extra charm, and enable you to sit back and enjoy a shady summer life.



SHADY AND COOLER — By blocking out sun's rays, this canvas canopy will reduce indoor temperatures from eight to 15 degrees this summer, protect interior furnishings from fading. Designed to conform with the lines of the roof, it also adds bright color to the exterior of the home.



Let's buy him dad! Come on please buy him.

Oh brother I can see I'm going to be sorry that
"we just came in here to look around."

But dad he'll be so much fun to play with.

Now look here, son, pups aren't just all play. You have to
feed them—wash them and keep them out of trouble.

Oh he won't be any trouble at all. I'll take care of him all by myself
. . . I promise.

Yeah I've heard that story before. You'll take care of him
until there's a show or a ballgame that you just have to go to . .
then it'll be your mother who has to feed him and take him out
for a walk.

It won't be like that at all dad. Honest, really it won't be.

OK kid, but the first time he digs up Mr. Johnson's garden,
or tears up the evening paper . . . what then?

But dad I told you I'd watch him and make sure he didn't get into
any trouble. I'll keep him with me all the time. He can even sleep
in my bed.

Oh, that'll be just fine.

Gee, dad, I knew you'd say yes.

Slow down, I never said I'd buy him.

Ya mean . . . you aren't gonna.

Your mother is going to have my scalp . . . oh, well, let's see if
we can talk the storeowner into selling him. **TD**

Let's
Buy
Him!

SERVICE STATIONS

American motorists can still find a gold mine in the keen competition among the nation's service station dealers. Last year, it is reported dealers throughout the country spent in excess of \$81 million for free services to motorists. This is more than \$450 yearly for the average station. If you did not get your share of it, you missed your chance to stretch your gasoline dollar.

A study by the Socony Mobil Oil Company, Inc., reveals how you can cash in on this gold mine, by getting the most out of your service station.



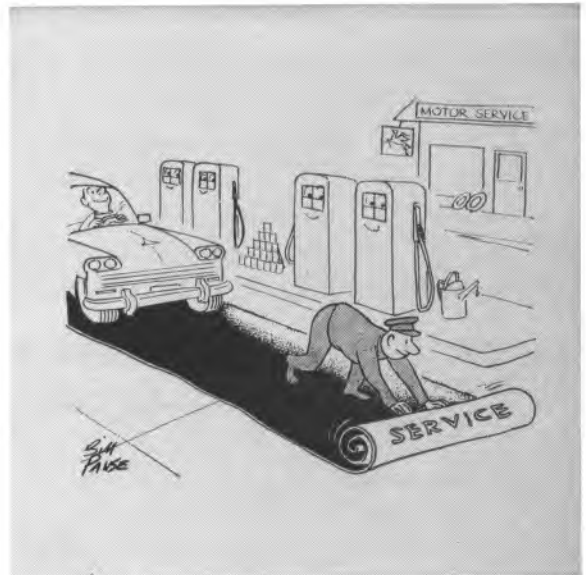
Take Your Time — Avoid Rush Hours

Motorists in service stations are high on the list of the most impatient customers of any form of retail business, surveys indicate. Many people are willing to stand in line at a supermarket but won't wait for services that are theirs for the asking at a service station. Their impatience invites superficial service which may be costly later.

You invite superficial service, too, if you have your car serviced during rush hours. At that time, you can't expect the same attention you would get during the less busy hours. Ask your dealer for the best time to have your car serviced. Then, if possible, make a definite appointment. It will save you time, and insure that you get better service.

Become A Regular Customer

Become a regular customer of one dealer and get to know him personally. He may not advertise some of his services — and you will learn about them only through personal contact. The



reliable dealer, for instance, will keep an up-to-date service record of his customer's cars. He will know the condition of your car, and will be able to recommend proper maintenance. You will be safer on the road and in the long run, you may save money, time and annoyance.

Many service stations also send their regular customers reminders that their cars may be due for an oil change, a lubricating job, a tire and battery check. If you have a regular dealer in a suburban area, he may even pick up and deliver your car when it needs servicing.

You will be amazed how far some dealers will go to keep steady customers. One operator, for example, helps his "steadies" by checking their homes when they are on vacations. Some others plow snow from their customers' driveways, or even lend a customer a car while his is being repaired. But it is the exceptional dealer who

can afford to render these services gratuitously. Many others, however, offer such services at a nominal charge that may still make these services well worth your while.

How To Select Your Dealer

In deciding which station to patronize, watch carefully how the dealer performs standard services such as wiping the windshield, and checking the oil, tires, water and battery. If he fails to perform these services (to which all motorists — transient or regular — are entitled) he is probably not the man you want. If, on the other hand, he goes beyond these standard services, you have a good indication that he will work out as your dealer.

Here are ten check points, according to the Socony Mobil survey, which may help you select your regular dealer:

1. Does he keep up-to-date service instruction charts?
2. Does he seem well equipped and are his tools arranged in an orderly fashion?
3. Does he keep service records of your car?
4. Does he send you post card reminders when service is due again?
5. Does he open the hood every time you drive in for gasoline?
6. Does he inspect the tire profiles and not just the air pressure?
7. Does he give your battery a periodic voltage check?
8. Does he keep an adequate stock of such replacement items (in addition to oils) as tires, batteries, fan belts, oil filters, light bulbs, fuses?
9. Does he keep his station open during the hours most convenient for you?
10. Does he facilitate your doing business with him by encouraging the use of credit cards?

A Good Relationship Is A Two-Way Street

A friendly word, an occasional compliment, go a long way with the men on the pump island. They are exposed to the brunt of motorists' criticism, but rarely hear a word of thanks. Your thoughtfulness may often get you that extra attention — the service that is not included in your gasoline bill — and help you stretch your gasoline dollar.



Vacation Driving

The greatest menaces are fatigue and nervous tension. Tension usually thrives on unfamiliar surroundings or strange conditions. So, even when your route is planned, it's wise to check ahead on local conditions. Washouts or construction detours can develop overnight.

A good method of fighting fatigue is to count progress in hours driven instead of miles driven. Remember: efficiency begins to dwindle after six hours — even if the driver doesn't feel it. When longer trips must be made, make sure you reduce your speed to compensate.

Fatigue can also induce reaction-killing highway hypnosis. The drone of the engine, the hum of the wheels, the many hours of concentration in a cramped position can literally lull a person to sleep with his eyes open. Don't be afraid to stop off and stretch or move your legs.

Other fatigue and tension-fighting tips: Don't slump in your seat. This puts your body weight on the hipbones and causes backache. Don't grip the wheel too tightly or tense your body. This might make you excessively nervous and unable to meet an emergency. Don't look ahead with a fixed stare; keep your chin up to avoid eyestrain. Sun glasses on a bright day is another good eye-preserver.

CLEANING HINTS

Some gals manage to feed the baby, clean the attic, get the wash, do the dishes — and still catch all the afternoon soap operas. Others callous their hands; suffer through a full day of sundry cleaning chores without respite.

Why the difference? In some cases it's experience — the housewife who's been at it a few years longer has learned to "cut corners;" to better organize her chores. More often it's a simple matter of knowing a few tricks that save time — and effort.

Bathroom mirrors that steam up when you bathe or shower, for example. Just apply a light coat of glycerine over the glass. And your plastic shower curtain won't turn white on the inside if you wipe it with furniture polish and remove same with a dry cloth. This will keep water from leaving tell-tale stains.

Cheesecloth is especially good for dusting. For a good dry cloth, try soaking cheesecloth for two hours in soapy water mixed with a teaspoonful of turpentine. Then let it dry. You can store the cheesecloth in a tightly covered fruit jar or a plastic bag for future use.

For "finished" polishing, chamois is, of course, desirable. But there are less-expensive substitutes. For one, you can wash a piece of velveteen. You'll find that it launders easily, too.

Speaking of substitute cleaning items, an old newspaper comes in handy when no dustpan is available. Just wet a double piece on one edge and you will find it ideal for picking up your sweepings.



Cleaning up is one task that simply has to be done. Your satisfaction comes when it's all finished; when you put your things away and slump in a comfortable chair to survey the bright, clean and healthy conditions all about. If you organize these chores and take advantage of a few tips, you'll finish with ample "breathing time."

the WOMAN'S Line

NOW THERE ARE POISON IVY PILLS

It strikes any time — but especially in summer.

Produced by a plant with a "knack" for hiding, it can travel around on garden tools, golf clubs, car tires — even on smoke! For centuries, it's been one of man's most persistent enemies.

Name of the villain is *urushiol*, the poison of the poison ivy plant. It can't be destroyed, dies hard and doesn't respond to external treatment. Sooner or later it brings grief to 8 out of 10 Americans in the form of painful skin rashes, blisters and tormenting sores.

A recent survey of some 10,000 camps is a good illustration. Half report that poison ivy interferes in some way with camp activity and a third state that each year many children have to be sent home. Almost all mention serious attendance losses.

Counties that rely on summer camp trade as a major source of income and resort areas in general, fight hard to control the problem. Most often, it's a losing struggle. Even when care is taken to spray or uproot the noxious plants, relief is only temporary. The hardy plants soon spring up again and the problem persists.

Attempts to escape poison ivy through education — teaching children and adults to recognize the plants and stay away — usually fail, too. The old adage "leaves-of-three, let-it-be" is basically true, but the shape of the leaves often differs — many plants of the poison ivy family grow as bushes, ground creepers or climbing vines.

Still, good information is always an aid in the ivy "battle." For prospective victims, one of the best information sources is a booklet called "Facts You Should Know About Poison Ivy and

Poison Oak." Published as a public service by the Syntex Chemical Company, Inc., copies may be obtained — free — by writing the Company at 10 East 40th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

Something was needed to cut down the initial effects. The answer came when a noted biochemist made an important discovery. Adding certain chemicals to urushiol extract slowed absorption into the blood stream, kept the solution working for long periods of time.

It was a major breakthrough.

There were still some disadvantages, however. Injections were not always convenient or possible. Using the basic discovery, research continued and scientists finally learned how to put the solution in tablet form to administer it by mouth.



Tests proved the effectiveness of the new discovery. The U. S. Coast Guard reported that among several hundred men on a brush-clearing detail near the Mississippi, taking the tablets for six weeks built up complete immunity in 95% of the cases.

Used among Boy Scouts in a camp of the Allegheny Council, 100% of those taking the tablets showed a season-long immunity. Among those who didn't take the tablets, 20% contracted poison ivy!

In consumer form, they're called Aqua Ivy Tablets and they're considered so safe, they're sold without prescription. After a six-week course of taking these pills, immunity is virtually assured for you and your kids for the rest of the year.

The meaning is simple. For thousands of sportsmen, nature lovers, campers and especially the kids on summer vacation, the poison ivy solution is close at hand.



Say

these are good

Mrs. William Canavan has a suggestion for plant lovers. A sponge soaked with water placed in the pot beside the plant will keep it watered while you are away for a few days.

Those plastic bags the laundry uses to return your husband's shirts make wonderful "see through" storage sacks for your lingerie and sweaters, and keep bureau drawers so much neater, says Mrs. W. H. Favors.

When the toddler is through with his crib, remove the mattress and springs, and put the rails, head and foot boards away for future use. A small frame or plywood board with wrought iron legs will provide a base for the springs and mattress. Cover with an attractive spread and use for a small child's daybed. This suggestion comes from Mrs. Marvin Anderson.

Mrs. Lon Gwaltney uses pin curl clips to hold back sheer curtains when airing the house. The clips won't damage or mark the curtains.

You should always attach the plug to the iron, and then connect the cord to the wall outlet. Mrs. Kenneth Thielsen tells us that the reverse often causes deterioration of the terminals on the iron itself.

Editorial Note: Occasional hints are published suggesting uses for plastic bags. We should like to add a word of caution to all mothers to avoid the use of these bags as playthings.



DROP A LINE

... tell us about your pet decorating accomplishment, a favorite household hint—or anything else in the woman's line. Husband's ideas are welcome, too. If we print your suggestion in this column, we'll send \$2.00. Your comments on the magazine will also be appreciated.

LAUGH A LITTLE

*Be thrifty in money matters . . .
but never save your laughter.*

An old timer recalls the time when two Indians were watching some white men building a lighthouse. One night after it was completed, the Indians took up their accustomed stations as a thick fog started to roll in.

"Ugh," said one Indian to the other, "light shine, bell ring, horn blow, but fog come in just the same."

Experience is what causes a person to make new mistakes instead of repeating the old ones.

A woman with a newly developed interest in government wrote to the editor of a big newspaper — "I want to get into politics. Do the taxpayers have a party?"

The editor answered her letter, writing — "Very seldom, lady, very seldom."

Tom: Say, Bill, how did you get that swelling on your nose?

Bill: Oh, I bent down to smell a brose in my garden.

Tom: You mean a rose, don't you? There's no 'b' in rose.

Bill: There was in this one.

Two caterpillars were inching their way along a big green leaf when a butterfly fluttered by.

"Look at that!" one of them said.

"Yeah!" said the other. "You'd never get me to go up in one of those contraptions."

They were hunting elephants on safari along the grassy banks of a small river. One of the hopeful new hunters turned to the guide eagerly.

"How will we detect the presence of an elephant?" he asked.

The guide looked at him scornfully, then whispered — "By the faint odor of peanuts on his breath."

It's always a good idea to keep your words soft and sweet, because you never know when you'll have to eat them.

Guide: This castle has stood for 600 years. Not a stone has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced.

Visitor: They must have the same landlord as we have.

The old inmate greeted his new cell partner with the question: How long are you in for?

"Twenty-five years," the new prisoner replied.

"Then you take the bed nearest the door," said the old timer.

"You will be getting out first."

A stenographer turned up for work one morning flashing a big diamond ring. It was too much for some of her fellow workers who began casting some catty remarks about it. One asked, "Where did you get THAT?"

"Oh," replied the steno airily, "when Grandma died she left \$1,000 for a stone in her memory —and this is it!"

May (at baseball game): I could hardly wait for this seventh inning stretch.

Mamie: Why?

May: My girdle was killing me!

Some people are no good at counting calories, and they have the figures to prove it.

Professor: Why don't you answer when I call your name?

Student: I nodded my head.

Professor: You don't expect me to hear the rattle all the way up here, do you?

Susan: Mama, what was the last station where our train stopped?

Mother: Can't you see I'm busy reading? Why do you ask?

Susan: Because little Jimmy got off there.

Usher: How far down you wish to sit, madam?

Old Lady: Why, all the way, miss—I'm kinda tired.

A man of the world would escape most of the unpleasant experiences if he had to pay for them in advance.

Cowboy (to dude): Hey there, Pardner, ain't you puttin' your saddle on backwards?

Dude: Slow down, fancy pants. You don't even know which way I'm going.

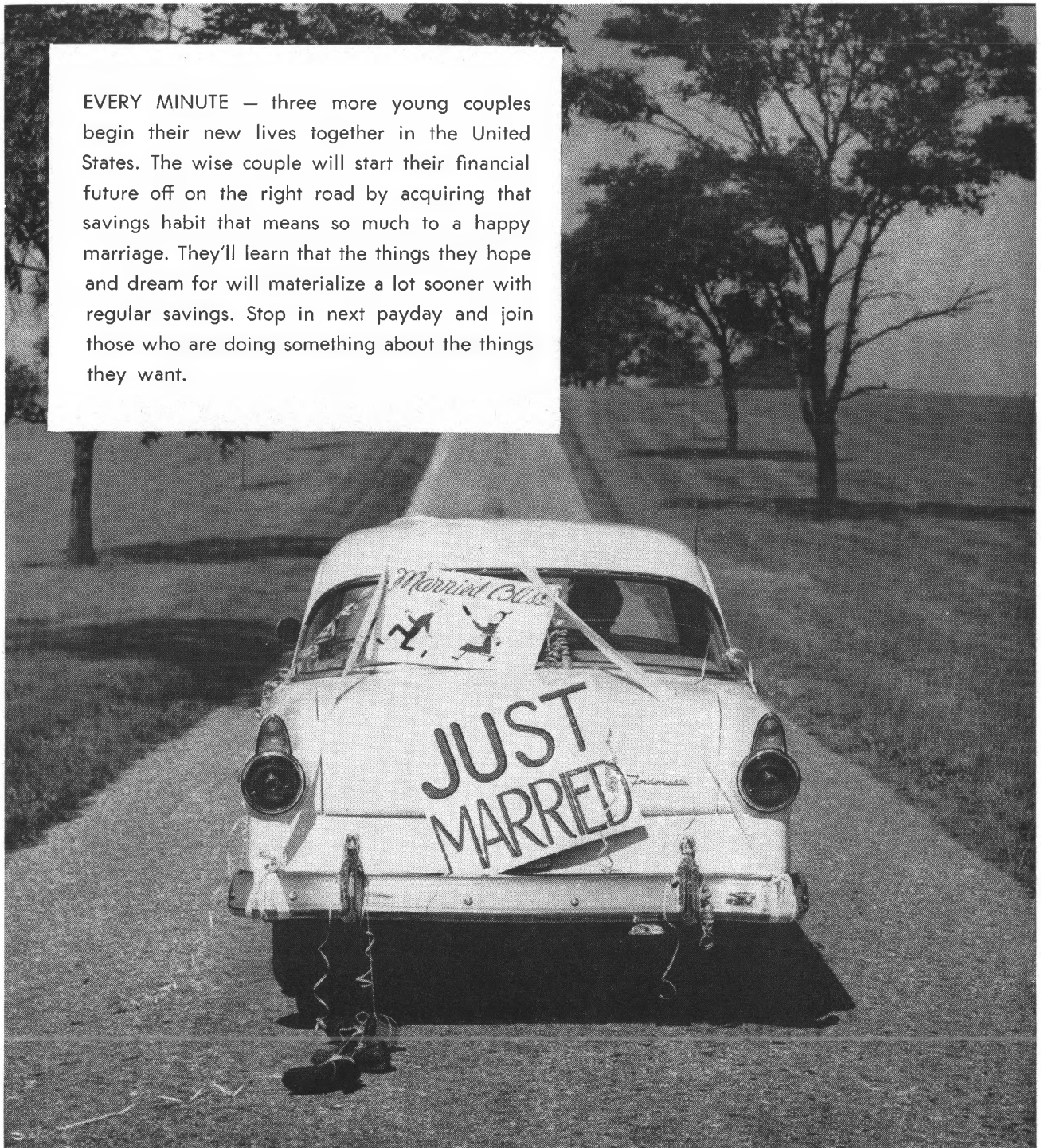
According to a story going around Western Europe, one Prague resident refused to join the outcry against a new Stalin statue in the city's public square.

"Why not a statue?" he said, "It'll give us shade in the summer, shelter in the winter and an opportunity for the birds to speak for us all."

A Boy Scout from the city was crossing a pasture. "Say there," he called to a farmer, "is this bull safe?"

"He's a lot safer than you are right now," replied the farmer.

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